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Chairman, United States Postal Regulatory Commission

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RE: Letter of Appeal urging continued operation
of Jonesville, Texas Post Office 75659

Dear Madam Chair:

On August 27, 2011, I attended the hearing that Allison Rizan and Frank Richards conducted on behalf of the United States Postal Service at the Jonesville Post Office to voice my strong support of the continued operation of the U.S. Post Office in Jonesville, Texas 75659 in its present location.

On September 6, 2011, I followed up by sending letters to postal officials underscoring my strong support for the post office's continued operation.

As I stated at that time, I'm a resident of Harrison County, a very active volunteer in Harrison County, and know Harrison County very well. I know not only of the historic significance to our county of the Jonesville Post Office which has been in continuous operation for 164 years, but I also know of the critical role that the Jonesville Post Office plays in the day-to-day working lives of the residents who live in that small rural community in our county.

I'm sending this letter today to respectfully request a review by the Postal Regulatory Commission of the Final Determination to Close the Jonesville, Texas Post Office 75659 and Establish Service by Rural Route Service (Docket # 136851-75659) which was posted December 7, 2011.

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On page 1 of the "Final Determination" document, regarding the Jonesville Post Office, it is stated that "Over the past several years, the office has experienced a steady decline in revenue and/or volume." Yet, in the very next paragraph on page 1, the revenue numbers clearly show a slight increase in revenue over the last several years: FY 07 \$15,783, FY 08 \$17,781, FY 09 \$18,816, FY 10 \$25,120, and FY 11 \$26,379.

Contrary to the inaccurate statement in the "Final Determination" document of a "decline in revenue," we believe that these steady increases in revenue over the past few years, plus the proffered reduced annual rental rate for the Jonesville Post Office location plus the feasibility of reducing office hours during the week, could enable the Jonesville Post Office to become revenue neutral or possibly even operate at an annual profit. In this way, we believe it could be a win-win situation for the U.S. Postal Service and the residents of Jonesville, Texas and Harrison County.

Likewise, the "Final Determination" document simply states that "When this final determination is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Waskom Post Office" without taking into consideration that, as several of us shared at the meeting on August 27 and in follow-up letters, many in our small rural community would find it difficult--financially and/or logistically--to travel to Waskom to carry out their postal business.

The Postal Reorganization Act explicitly points out that, as citizens of the United States and as members of a rural community, we are equally entitled to efficient postal service as our counterparts in urban areas. Closure of the Jonesville Post Office will negatively impact the citizens and businesses of Jonesville.

Therefore, I would respectfully request that the Postal Regulatory Commission remand the proposed closure of the Jonesville Post Office 75659 until the Postal Regulatory Commission has had the opportunity to fully review complete and accurate data submitted with regard to the Jonesville Post Office.

If you have any questions or would like to request additional information, you can reach me at (903) 938-8373 or email address: edgemont@shreve.net.

I thank you for your kind attention in this matter and I thank you for your dedicated service as Chair of the Postal Regulatory Commission.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christina Anderson".

Christina Anderson

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